IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Werner WEITSCHIES et al.

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For: PROCESS AND COMPOUNDS FOR DETECTION OF ANALYTES USING

REMANENCE MEASUREMENT, AND USE THEREOF

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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 25, 2000, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) [Process] A process for qualitative and/or quantitative detection of analytes in a liquid and/or solid phase[s, characterized in that] heterogenous immunoassay, comprising determining remanent magnetization in said immunoassay after addition to a sample of a stable or quasi-stable ferromagnetic or ferrimagnetic substances [are used as magnetic labeling that is to be identified in immunoassays or other binding assays and the remanent magnetization of the sample is determined as a measurement variable].

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